

Friday, April 18, 2014

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice (Board)

Location: Spring Grove Hospital Center  
55 Wade Avenue – Bland Bryant Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room

Chairperson: Dr. Christine Moghimi, ScD., MAS, OTR/L

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Christine Moghimi, ScD., OTR/L, Chairperson  
Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Vice Chairperson  
Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM  
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kuzhilethu Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, CAPS, FAOTA  
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L  
A. Cassaundra Brown, Consumer Member

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Sarah Quirk, MOTA  
Robyn Elliott, MOTA  
Kristen Neville, DHMH Regulations Coordinator

**NON-BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ari Elbaum, Board Counsel  
Marilyn Pinkney, Licensing Coordinator

**NON-BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Donna Ashman, Executive Director  
Grant Gerber, Board Counsel

1. Dr. Moghimi called the General Session Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Moghimi welcomed guests – Sarah Quirk, MOTA, Robyn Elliott, MOTA, and Kristen Neville, DHMH Regulations Coordinator.

Dr. Moghimi read the following statement: Except in instances when the Board of Occupational Therapy expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation in otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public meeting an open session may participate in the session.

2. Ms. Adams motioned to amend the General Session Agenda – April 18, 2014. Ms. Gupta seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Ms. Stevenson motioned to approve the General Session minutes – March 21, 2014. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

## **REPORTS**

1. Mr. Elbaum did not have a report from the Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Elbaum represented the Board in Mr. Gerber's absence.
2. Dr. Moghimi shifted the original agenda as outlined below.
3. Ms. Adams provided the report on behalf of the continuing education committee in their absence. The current reviews appeared to be business as usual.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Dr. Moghimi directed Ms. Elliott, MOTA for their presentation. Ms. Elliott presented to the Board a summary of the MOTA membership survey comment responses from the 2013 renewal cycle. The Board had discussion. Dr. Moghimi encouraged MOTA to keep the Board apprised on issues that come up in the community of occupational therapy. Dr. Moghimi recommended placing MOTA on the Board's agenda on a monthly/quarterly timeline.

## **REPORTS continued ...**

1. Ms. Neville, Regulations Coordinator, highlighted the summary of bills from the end of the legislative session. Ms. Neville summarized the Mental Health bill that was not included in the summary. She reported that the bill did not pass during the legislative session.
2. Dr. Moghimi informed the Board from the AOTA Conference there is an updated AOTA Telehealth position statement. Dr. Moghimi will bring the update to the next Board meeting. Dr. Moghimi recommended deferring the remaining AOTA Conference recap to include the full Board's comments from the conference at the next scheduled Board meeting.
3. Dr. Moghimi informed the Board that the upcoming workshop in the fall and is still being determined for a location and topics for discussion.

4. Dr. Moghimi stated that the MOTA Conference is still being determined and will be placed on the Board's calendar as the conference planning is finalized.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ms. Adams ratified the 17 occupational therapists and the 1 occupational therapy assistant applicants for licensure. Ms. Stevenson motioned to approve the applicants for licensure. Ms. Gupta seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mallory Apel	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Thompson	Occupational Therapist
Haley Stein	Occupational Therapist
Leah Spoelman	Occupational Therapist
Macy Sutton	Occupational Therapist
Joanna Heagy	Occupational Therapist
Miranda Sweet	Occupational Therapist
Joanna Jensen	Occupational Therapist
Robin Baker	Occupational Therapist
Emily Brown	Occupational Therapist
Kikelomo Oludayo Idowu	Occupational Therapist
Lashanna Short	Occupational Therapist
Ashton Morgan	Occupational Therapist
Keren Rannekleiv	Occupational Therapist
Erin Shultz	Occupational Therapist
Jessica Boyce	Occupational Therapist
Michelle Lopez	Occupational Therapist
Stephanie Cantor	Occupational Therapist
<b>Total OT's</b> 17	
Nicole Stefan	Occupational Therapy Assistant
<b>Total OTA's</b> 1	Occupational Therapy Assistant

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Dr. Moghimi announced to the Board as a reminder to complete the Financial Disclosure reports by April 30, 2014. The website is <https://efds.ethics.state.md.us>.

**REPORTS** continued...

1. Ms. Adams followed up with Board after the review of the continuing education submissions of an APTA sponsor-credentialing course. The Board had discussion. The continuing education submission will not be approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Dr. Moghimi adjourned the General Session meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Submitted by:

*Marilyn Pinkney*

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